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Augusta Mueller  
Director of Planning  
Bridgeport Hospital  
267 Grant Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06610-0120

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 05-30559-DTR  
Bridgeport Hospital  
Purchase of Replacement Equipment for the  
Hospital's Central Sterile Supply Department

Dear Ms. Mueller:

On July 29, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a Certificate of Need Determination request regarding the Bridgeport Hospital's proposal to purchase replacement equipment for the central sterile supply department at a total expenditure of \$344,380. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Bridgeport Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care hospital located at 267 Grant Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut.
2. The Hospital is proposing to purchase a replacement sterilization unit and an ultrasonic cleaner in order to process the instrumentation used by the Hospital's surgical services.
3. The replacement sterilizer and ultrasonic cleaner will be located in the Hospital's Central Sterile Supply Department ("Department").
4. The Department currently handles approximately 50% of the instrumentation processing for the entire Hospital.
5. The Hospital is planning to have the Department handle nearly all of the hospital's instrumentation processing within the next two months.
6. The replacement sterilizer and ultrasonic cleaner will be needed by the Department to handle the anticipated increased in the volume of instrumentation processing.

7. The proposed sterilizer and ultrasonic cleaner are not considered within the classification of major medical equipment as delineated in Public Act 05-93 of the Connecticut General Statutes and therefore, their acquisition does not require Certificate of Need authorization.
8. The total capital expenditure for the proposed project is \$344,380.
9. The Hospital proposes to fund the purchases through existing operating funds.
10. The Hospital intends to make the purchases prior to September 30, 2005.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for the Bridgeport Hospital to purchase a replacement sterilizer and a replacement ultrasonic cleaner.

Thank you for informing OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst, of the Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting Unit, at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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